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**American History/Biography**

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/10/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:18

Over the past few weeks, there has been extensive debate across the U.S. about statues depicting the Confederacy and other troubled aspects of American history. In the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C., the Emancipation Memorial – also known as the Freedman’s Memorial -- is one such symbol. Jeffrey Brown talks to four Black Americans to gauge differing views on the structure.

Series Title: Reagan: American Experience  
Episode Title: Lifeguard  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 8/4/2020 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:42:34

In 1988, after two terms in office, Ronald Wilson Reagan left the White House, one of the most popular presidents of the twentieth century -- and one of the most controversial. A failed actor, Reagan became a passionate ideologue who preached a simple gospel of lower taxes, less government and anti-Communism. One by one, his opponents underestimated him; one-by-one, Reagan surprised them, rising to become a president who always preferred to see America as a shining city on a hill.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/17/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:43

Speaking at the White House Conference on American History on Thursday, President Trump announced he would be signing an executive order to create the “1776 Commission” to promote a “patriotic education.” Trump also blasted efforts to reexamine American history with a deeper emphasis on slavery and racism. Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Trump’s perspective on race.

## Culture

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Viking Warrior Queen  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/7/2020 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join a team of archaeologists as they examine one of the most significant Viking graves ever found and test the DNA of the remains of the female warrior buried inside, rewriting our understanding of Viking society.

Series Title: Forces of Nature  
Episode Title: Color  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/5/2020 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

We can't directly see the forces that govern Earth, but we can see their shadows in the shapes of nature that surround us. If we understand why these shapes exist, we can understand the rules that bind the entire universe.

Series Title: NOVA | A to Z  
Episode Title: The First Alphabet  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/23/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Writing shaped civilization itself, from the trading of goods to tales of ancient goddesses and kings. Follow the evolution of the written word, from millennia-old carvings in an Egyptian turquoise mine to our modern-day alphabets.

### Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries  
Episode Title: Friendship  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/1/2020 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Spy Creatures and their new wild friends rely on each other to look out for predators. A Spy Meerkat babysits meerkat pups while a Spy Cobra pretends to attack the mob. Spy Crocs witness a convenient partnership between real crocodiles and birds.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/3/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:27

In our news wrap Monday, coastal North and South Carolina braced for Hurricane Isaias. The storm is a minimal hurricane but will still challenge residents with another disruption during the coronavirus pandemic. Also, thousands of people in Southern California spent another day under evacuation orders as a wildfire burned east of Los Angeles. It began Friday and exploded in size over the weekend.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/25/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:40

During his first term, President Trump has rolled back or weakened more than 100 environmental regulations. On Friday, his administration moved to open up the country's largest national forest for development. Alaska's Tongass National Forest has been called "America's Amazon," and it absorbs about 8 percent of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. Amna Nawaz talks to The New York Times' Coral Davenport.

## Family/Marriage

Series Title: Clinton: American Experience  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 7/21/2020 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:53:28

From draft dodging to the Dayton Accords, from Monica Lewinsky to a balanced budget, the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton veered between sordid scandal and grand achievement. In CLINTON, the latest installment in the critically acclaimed and successful series of presidential biographies, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE explores the fascinating story of an American president who rose from a broken childhood in Arkansas to become one of the most successful politicians in modern American history and one of the most complex and conflicted characters to ever stride across the public stage.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/28/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:03:34

As another difficult week for our country comes to a close, we want to take the time to honor a few of the more than 180,000 people in the U.S. who have lost their lives to the coronavirus. Judy Woodruff shares the stories of five individuals.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/14/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:40

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## Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/2/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:52

In our news wrap Thursday, the U.S. saw a record 50,000 new cases of COVID-19 in a single day as infections rise in 40 states. Florida set its own record for new cases with more than 10,000 -- but Gov. Ron DeSantis insisted the state is equipped to handle the crisis. Also, there were signs of U.S. economic recovery, with the Labor Department reporting the country added 4.8 million jobs in June.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/4/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:13:21

Unemployment benefits for millions of American expired last week and Congress and the White House are still struggling to come to an agreement on the next coronavirus relief package.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/1/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:09:19

In the United Kingdom, residents have long considered the National Health Service (NHS) one of the nation's greatest accomplishments. Across the Atlantic, U.S. Democrats have proposed a similar single-payer system for the U.S., but conservatives have raised alarms about access problems within the NHS. William Brangham reports as part of our series, The Best Health Care? America & the World.

## Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/1/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:39

As the United States grapples with the novel coronavirus, nationwide protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd insist the country must confront a second epidemic: racism. Despite a longstanding belief that we are a nation divided, some say there are reasons for hope. Special correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault talks to New York Times columnist and author David Brooks for Race Matters.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/5/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:46

The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May prompted calls to change the policing structure there. On Wednesday night, the city's charter commission will decide whether to ask voters to begin the process of abolishing the police force -- and to clarify what would replace it. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/4/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:02:24

In parts of the U.S., there continue to be protests and outrage over police conduct and responses to demonstrations. In Rochester, New York, the family of Daniel Prude is calling for officers involved in his March death to be fired and charged. And a self-identified anti-fascist suspected of killing a right-wing protester in Portland, Oregon, was killed by law enforcement. Amna Nawaz reports.

## Science/Technology

Series Title: Prehistoric Road Trip  
Episode Title: Tiny Teeth, Fearsome Beasts  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/1/2020 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Demonstration/Instructional  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join Emily as she continues her adventure, discovering surprising truths hidden in the fossil record. Meanwhile, scientists studying our planet's past are revealing clues about its future.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Rise of the Mammals  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/5/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

The discovery of a rare trove of fossils reveals in vivid detail how our own group of creatures - mammals - emerged after the asteroid impact that wiped out the great dinosaurs 66 million years ago.

Series Title: Hacking Your Mind  
Episode Title: Living on Auto-Pilot  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/9/2020 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Demonstration/Instructional  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Take a trip around the world to discover how you go through life on auto-pilot, and get an auto-pilot owner's manual.